

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph on page 51, lines 1-7, with the following amended paragraph:

A mixture of 5.33 g (25 mmol) ~~N-Boc-3,4-dehydroproline~~, N-Boc-3,4-dehydroproline, 7.30 g (26 mmol) 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzylamine hydrochloride, 3.54 g (26 mmol) HOAt, 5.3 mL (30 mmol) di-isopropylethylamine, 5.73 g (30 mmol) 1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride in 200 mL of methylene chloride was stirred for 2 hours. The mixture was diluted with 200 mL of methylene chloride. The organic phase was washed with 2N aq. HCl (2 x 300 mL), water (2 x 300 mL) and brine (2 x 300 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, evaporated to afford the coupling product as white solid.